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This invention is directed to a perfected less-lethal ammunition suitable for installation in a cartridge or shell of a projectile found in a gun or weapon, such as a conventional handgun, such as for example, in a 12-gauge shotgun and in the process by which it is formed. The ammunition for the projectile takes a product form commonly

referred to as a "bean bag", and has a frontal compartment or chamber contiguous to its nose, pre-measured weighted pellets contained in and substantially filling the compartment sized for the weighted pellets, a flowing structure, providing stability of the bean bag in flight, trailing but separated from the compartment by a fastening device for the bean bag, and a peripheral curl or roll at the edge of the open end of the flowing structure which provides accuracy in the flight of the bean bag to its target after being propelled from its weapon or gun. The bean bag is formed from a tubular open-ended sleeve of non-frangible, non-ruptureable, material which in its fabric construction of the bean bag does not break upon impact on a target, while efficaciously effecting a mushrooming shape upon such impact, thus preventing penetration, killing or seriously injuring a living target or another person. The tubular sleeve's length is determined by the weight of the fabric of the tubular sleeve rather than by its length. The bean bag's weight of the total pellets to be contained in substantially filling the compartment is determined by weight of their total number and not the number itself disposed in the compartment. Subsequent to the fastening between the compartment's body and the flowing structure that trails behind the compartment's body, a peripheral curl or roll is formed around and at the open end of the trailing structure for providing accuracy towards a target during flight of the bean bag. - - .

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Referring now to the accompanying drawing FIGURES wherein reference characters correspond to like numeral hereinafter, FIG. 1 illustrates an embodiment of the bean bag 15 used in a less-lethal projectile of this invention. Bean bag 15 in its generated product form is of a fully tubular construction of a non-frangible, non-ruptureable nature which upon impact in its use with its target re-configures its frontal portion 16 into a mushroom configuration upon impact, one which does not kill or seriously injure a living target when hit by the bean bag 15. Bean bag 15 is formed by a double layer of material that captures within its formed chamber or compartment 22, FIGS. 1, 5, a pre-measured weight of lead shot or pellets 23, FIG. 4, the compartment 22 being separate or apart from a flowing structure 24 that stabilizes the flight of projectile 15 towards its target in the operation of the invention.

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In the formation of the bean bag 15, the already determined length 26, FIG. 2, by weight of the open-ended sleeved material 27, is slipped over a mandrel 28, FIGS. 4, 6, such as a hollow plastic tube firmly supported in a fixed support base or receptacle 29, to the extent of an indicium 31 marked at a level about the mandrel or tube 28 27. The indicium 31 signals the position of the open end of a shorter portion 32 33, FIG. 2, of the sleeve 27 ~~—, which that~~ forms the compartment 22's body, and in which the weighted shot is to be contained. A strong suitably knotted cord 34-1 34 , FIG. 2, or the like, closes off and separates this shorter portion from the remainder or longer portion 36 of sleeve 27 adjacent to its ~~at the~~ end of the mandrel 28 on to which the sleeve is first introduced. The remainder 36 of the sleeve adjacent to its ~~above such~~ end of the mandrel 28, which has been generated in sleeve 27 by means of the location of the indicium 31 on the mandrel 28 as being longer than the length of the shorter portion 33, is then lapped or doubled back over the shorter portion 33 to its fullest extent, i.e., being contiguous to the material at the closed-off level at the mandrel 28's end and about the entire shorter portion 33 itself, extending at ~~extending at~~ its other end beyond or below the indicium 31 on the tube, as illustrated in FIG. 3, thus beyond the open end of the shorter portion 33, thereby forming the flowing structure 24, FIG. 1, for the bean bag 15, over that of the shorter portion 33. The tube and sleeve at this point of assembly is removed from mandrel 28's support base 29 and turned or inverted so that a measured weight of pellets 23, such as shotgun lead pellets, can be introduced into the hollow mandrel or tube 28, such introduction represented by a nozzle 37, FIG. 4, of a shot dispensing machine, identified hereinafter. Pellets 23 extend to the closed-off level of the shorter portion 33 of sleeve 27 still wrapped on the tube, i.e., the bottom of the weighed pellets 23 seat within the tube, proximate to the knotted cord 34-1 34 on the outside of the sleeve, and up through the hollowness of tube 28. The mandrel 28 is removed from sleeve 27 and now pellets 23 are housed within the shorter portion 33. The shorter portion 33 of

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determined by the weight of the fabric of the tubular sleeve rather than by its length. The bean bag 15's weight of the total pellets 23 to be contained in substantially filling the compartment 22 is determined by weight of their total number and not the number itself disposed in the compartment 22. Subsequent to the fastening between the compartment 22's body and the flowing structure 24 that trails behind the compartment 22's body, a peripheral curl or roll 25 is formed around and at the open end of the trailing structure 24 for providing accuracy towards a target during flight of the bean bag 15.

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